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PURPOSE

To set forth guidelines and protocols regarding direct orders for Nursing staff and Mid-level Practitioners within the Medical Division of the Department.

AUTHORITY

NRS 209.131
NRS 630.272

RESPONSIBILITY

All Medical Division Staff have the responsibility to have knowledge of and comply with this regulation.

DEFINITIONS

DIRECT ORDER – For the purposes of this regulation, a written or verbal order from a Physician or Mid-level Practitioner to medical personnel that instructs them to carry out a specific treatment, test, or medical procedure on a given patient.

MID-LEVEL PRACTITIONER – A Physician's Assistant or advanced practitioner of nursing

(e.g., Physician Extender).

NURSING AND MID-LEVEL PROTOCOLS – Written protocols for use by Mid-level Practitioners, Nurses and other medical staff for the proper assessment of patient problems.

APPLICABILITY

This regulation applies to all Health Care Professionals, Mid-Level Practitioners, and Nursing staff employed by the Medical Division of the Department.

PROCEDURES

616.01 DIRECT ORDERS, NURSING AND MID-LEVEL PROTOCOLS

1.1 Treatment by medical personnel, other than physicians, dentists, psychologists, optometrist, podiatrist or other independent provider will be performed pursuant to direct orders within nursing and mid-level protocols. **(3-4335)**

1.1.1 Mid-level Practitioners, Nurses and Physician Extenders may practice within limits of applicable law, regulations and certification.

1.1.2 Physician Extenders within the Department, based upon their professional qualifications, job descriptions and individual's specific role in the Department's health care delivery, are permitted to give direct orders to nursing staff and other medical personnel. Verbal orders will be written immediately by authorized staff on a Physician's Order form, DOC 2518, and signed by the physician within 72-hours. **(3-4334)**

REFERENCES

ACA Standards 3-4334, and 3-4335

ATTACHMENTS

Physician's Order Form, DOC 2518

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Date

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Date

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Yes

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No

THIS PROCEDURE SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR WRITTEN PROCEDURES ON THIS SPECIFIC SUBJECT.